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**WASHINGTON, DC** - Today, National Journal, a leading congressional news magazine, released official 2009 vote ratings and listed U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) as having the most moderate, centrist voting record in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2009. Vote ratings were determined by National Journal editors randomly selecting 97 votes relating to economic, social and foreign policy matters.

"In an era of ever increasing partisan fighting, I have worked hard to be a moderate, reasonable voice in Congress that focuses on issues -- not politics," **Arcuri said**. 'The 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is a moderate district, there is no doubt about it, and I'm proud to have a voting record that matches up. As I travel the district and meet with thousands of constituents, I listen to what they have to say and vote their interests in Congress. I will continue to vote based on the will of this moderate district and not get involved in the 'politics as usual' that slow down progress."

For 2009, National Journal rated Arcuri as having 50.2% liberal and 49.8% conservative vote ratings. This year, Arcuri was highlighted as being at the exact center of Congress along with fellow New York Rep. Michael McMahon (NY-13) who had the same voting percentages.

The complete 2009 vote rating can be viewed by visiting the National Journal's website: <a href="www.n">www.n</a> ationaljournal.com/2009voteratings/

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